

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

“This application is related to copending patent application titled METHOD AND APPARATUS TO SPIN UP A DISK DRIVE PRIOR TO A DISK DRIVE DATA EXCHANGE REQUEST, patent application no. [[____]] 10/750037 filed 12/30/2003 (Attorney Docket No. 42.P18168), copending patent application titled METHOD AND SYSTEM TO ADJUST NON-VOLATILE CACHE ASSOCIATIVITY, patent application no. [[____]] 10/750040 filed 12/30/2003 (Attorney Docket No. 42.P18166), and copending patent application titled METHOD AND SYSTEM TO CHANGE A POWER STATE OF A HARD DRIVE, patent application no. [[____]] 10/749756 filed 12/30/2003 (Attorney Docket No. 42.P18169).”

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

“Alternatively, the logic to perform the processes as discussed above could be implemented in additional computer and/or machine readable media, such as discrete hardware components as large-scale integrated circuits (LSI's), application-specific integrated circuits (ASIC's), **and** firmware such as electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM's); ~~and electrical, optical, acoustical and other forms of propagated signals (e.g., carrier waves, infrared signals, digital signals, etc.); etc.~~”